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Joint Release by: Anne-Marie Knighton, Edenton Town Manager and Peter Rascoe, Chowan County Manager

On Friday February 5, 2010, the Town of Edenton's Mayor Roland Vaughan, Mayor Pro Tem Steve Biggs, and Town Manager Anne-Marie Knighton met with Chowan County's Board of Commissioners Chairman Eddy Goodwin, Board Vice-Chairman Emmett Winborne, and County Manager Peter Rascoe. The purpose of the meeting was a follow-up to continue discussions on how to provide joint economic development which would best benefit all the citizens of the Town and the County. The officials all described the meeting as very positive. Specifically, the group interviewed Ted W. Abernathy, Jr., CECd, Executive Director of the Research Triangle-based Southern Growth Policies Board, as a possible independent consultant qualified to evaluate the community's economic development organizational needs. On recommendation from the group, ElectriCities on behalf of the Town and County, engaged the Southern Growth Policies Board to study and evaluate the Town's and County's existing economic conditions, resources, and perceived needs regarding an organizational structure for providing economic development. The consultant will make recommendations based on the findings of the evaluation. Any recommendations will hopefully be received prior to adoption of the Town and County budgets for FY 2010-2011. The Town and County officials also committed to continue meeting on a consistent basis.